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**Indiana—Farming Prospects—Markets—Products—the Approaching Election—Resumption, Temperance, &c.**

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Spring—delightful, balmy, beautiful Spring, with its sweet-singing birds, its pleasant sunshine, its soft winds, and its green grass—soil is here, and the farmers are again in their fields, some ploughing, some sowing, and some planting, and all hard at work. They labor too with cheerfulness, for every thing foretells a prosperous seed-time and an abundant harvest. The growing Wheat never looked better at this time of the year, and bids fair for a very heavy crop, and should it fail, the Spring grains turn out well, and command any thing like a fair price, the farmers of Northern Indiana will be free from debt and embarrassment once more. The surplus produce here this year will be much larger than ever before—there being fully one half more land in the County sown with Wheat than there was last year. A very large proportion of last year's surplus was purchased for the Canada market, and the rest of it I venture will go the same way, if the British Ministry do not lay an additional duty on produce arriving at Great Britain from her Colonies, and thus prevent any profit from being realized by the present indirect manner of exportation. The large amount of Corn raised on our Western prairies has therefore been turned into Whisky and Pork. The Teetotalers have spoilt the first, and the low price of the latter renders it almost profitless, and so another means of getting rid of it has been adopted. It is dried here, converted into Indian Meal, and in this shape bears shipment to the East without loss. The will form quite a considerable item in the aggregate of Western exportation. There are other and new articles of Western manufacture which will no doubt swell the list. For instance, Ashtabula. Two have been started lately in this County, and they purchase large quantities of Ashes from those who are clearing and making farms in the woods, at 3 cents per bushel. Mills, which would not suffer by comparison with your Eastern ones, are also being built—for instance one just completed at this place with 4 runs of stone which can turn out 300 barrels of Flour in 24 hours. And so, step by step, the young and vigorous West gains on the older, and more inert Eastern, and such will continue to advance until her surplus exports, seeking the Atlantic shore, will even crowd your Erie Canal, and make the New-Yorkers think of digging a Ship Canal from the waters of the Hudson to those of the Lakes, instead of calculating, as they now do, whether they can enlarge their Canal thirty feet. This is no fancy sketch. If you were to visit this country and see the vast prairies now under cultivation—the lofty forests which are being cleared every year and sown in grain, and the large amount of land yet uncultivated, which must, ere long, submit to the invasion of the plow and harrow, it would surprise you, and even convince the people of the East that

"Westward the star of Empire takes its way."

The Indians are waking up to the importance of the next election, and the calls for "Organization" are received from every part of the State. If the Whigs are bound upon their candidates, are vigorous and active, the next Legislature will be Whig, for no one doubts that they have a heavy majority in the State, but in every Whig County there are, on an average, from 4 to 6 Whig candidates for Representative, and more for Sheriff—all having warm and energetic friends, each of whom believes that his favorite is the only man who can be elected or ought to be nominated.—On the Loco-Foco side they move in a solid phalanx, and will use every means and strain every nerve to carry the whist. Whig counties and the doubtful ones, which, if they succeed, will give them a majority in the Legislature. The importance of this election, which gives to the successful party a U. S. Senator and the destruction of the State into Congressional districts, will insure a pretty heavy vote. From the stirring and spirited manner in which the Whig presses throughout the State urge "organization, unity and action," will be so at the August election. If the Locos should succeed, their picked man for Senator will be T. A. Howard, ex-Congressman, and no doubt candidate for Governor and Elector.

Our State Bank resumes June 15th. It has been curtailing, drawing in its circulation, and strengthening itself for some time, and within a short time past has withdrawn \$200,000 of its bills from Cincinnati and Louisville, and large quantities from other quarters. The People have much confidence in its solvency, and there will be no run of any consequence upon it for species.

Tectotomia still flourishes here. In this Community, which one year ago numbered but 100 of its advocates, and which was increased when I last wrote to you to 600, there are now nearly 1,500 pledged members, and the ball yet rolls on.

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